BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2003-273-E – ORDER NO. 2005-607

OCTOBER 19, 2005

| IN RE: | Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc., |) | ORDER GRANTING |
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| | |) | REQUEST TO EXTEND |
| | Complainant, |) | DEADLINES FOR |
| | |) | TESTIMONY AND |
| | vs. |) | RESCHEDULING |
| | |) | HEARING |
| | South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, |) | |
| | |) | |
| | Respondent. |) | |

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request of Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Aiken Electric") for an extension of the deadlines for prefiling testimony and for a rescheduled hearing date in the present proceeding regarding a complaint of Aiken Electric against South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G").

By Order No. 2005-547, issued October 5, 2005, the dates for filing testimony and exhibits in the docket were set forth. By Order No. 2005-547, the following deadlines were established. Aiken Electric was required to file direct testimony and exhibits on or before October 12, 2005, and the direct testimony of SCE&G and the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") was to be filed on or before October 26, 2005. The rebuttal testimony of Aiken Electric was to be filed on or before November 2, 2005, and

surrebuttal testimony of SCE&G and the ORS was to be filed on or before November 8, 2005. The hearing in this docket is currently scheduled for November 10, 2005.

By letter from counsel for Aiken Electric, dated September 29, 2005, Aiken Electric seeks to extend the deadlines for prefiling testimony and to reschedule the hearing. Specifically, Aiken Electric requests that the deadline for Aiken Electric's direct testimony and exhibits be extended to December 12, 2005, and that the deadline for all other parties' direct testimony and exhibits be extended to January 9, 2006. Further, Aiken Electric's rebuttal testimony would be due January 23, 2006, and all other parties' surrebuttal testimony would be due January 30, 2006. Additionally, Aiken Electric requests a day and one half be scheduled for the hearing in this matter and that such dates for the hearing be February 8 through February 9, 2006.

Counsel for Aiken Electric advises that he has consulted with counsel for SCE&G and with counsel for the ORS and that SCE&G and the ORS have no objections to extension of the deadlines. Aiken Electric adds that the parties to this proceeding believe that no further extensions will be necessary having carefully reviewed their schedules and the schedule of counsel through the dates requested herein.

The Commission finds the request of Aiken Electric reasonable, finds that the request will not unduly prejudice any party, and therefore grants the request to extend the dates for filing testimony and exhibits and to reschedule the hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s request for an extension of the deadlines for prefiling testimony and exhibits and to reschedule the hearing in this matter is granted.
- 2. Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall prefile direct testimony and exhibits on or before December 12, 2005.
- 3. All other parties shall prefile direct testimony and exhibits on or before January 9, 2006.
- 4. Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall file rebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before January 23, 2006.
- 5. All other parties shall file surrebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before January 30, 2006.
- 6. The hearing in this matter shall be scheduled for February 8 through February 9, 2006.

7. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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